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Soviet Action

THIS promised "dramatic" announcement by Russia on disarmament has materialised. It amounts to a reduction in the Soviet armed forces of 1,200,000 between now and next May, the putting into mothballs of 375 warships and the scrapping of several air force squadrons.

The announcement, if not deserving the description of "dramatic" is not unimpressive, and its timing possesses some significance. Manifestly it is intended to have its effect on the French Premier and his Foreign Minister on the eve of their visit to Moscow, more especially as it set out to support the recently expressed French view that world disarmament measures need not of necessity be wholly dependent on a settlement of the German problem.

This in the wedge the Russian leaders undoubtedly hope to drive between the thinking of France and her Western allies on subjects such as disarmament and German unification. They are not likely to succeed, but the proposed reduction in Soviet armed forces provides the Kremlin leaders with a good basis for arguing that they are indulging in deeds, and not merely words.

TAKEN at face value, Russia proposes to effect quite substantial cuts in her military manpower—to the latest reduction of 1,200,000 must be added the 650,000 which she announced some months ago. Nevertheless the figures must be evaluated to post-war disarmament and rearmament as a whole, if they are to be held in correct perspective.

At the end of World War II, the Western powers immediately began disarming, in the expectation that Russia would do likewise. On the contrary Russia embarked on a programme of building up armed forces far beyond peace-time requirements. Simultaneously she set out to build a huge war fleet and to create an offensive air force.

In so doing she forced her former Western allies to call a halt to their own domestic disarmament programmes, to create for themselves a defensive alliance, and to build up military strength sufficient to deter Russian aggression in the West.

It is against this background, and the still numerically inferior standing armies and operational air forces of the Western powers that the present disarming action of the Soviets must be viewed and appreciated. It can be welcomed, but it does not mean that Russia will seriously weaken her military strength because of it.

THIS may be a genuine Soviet endeavour to encourage a world disarmament agreement, but the proposed new cuts in her military manpower may also have been partially dictated by internal economic circumstances. The cost of maintaining standing armies, navies and air forces of the Russian proportions is a severe strain on the nation's resources. Moreover the manpower so employed is unproductive.

It is noticeable that the Russian announcement allied the disarming action with the "grandiose plan" of Socialist development of our country and the raising of the Soviet people's standard of living." The suggestion is that the Soviet leaders now realise that Russia's internal economy needs strengthening, particularly in the output of primary products. To achieve this, and to increase production of other types of consumer goods, very much more manpower is needed on the land and in the factories.

But whatever the motivating factor, the Russian action will help still further to lessen international tension, and as such it merits acknowledgement.

★ 1,200,000 Men To Get Demob

★ 375 Ships Go To Reserve

RUSSIA'S BIG ARMS CUT

MOSCOW PLEA TO WEST TO FOLLOW OUR EXAMPLE' FURTHER REDUCTION POSSIBLE

Moscow, May 14. Russia announced today it would cut its armed forces by 1,200,000 before May 1, next year.

What The West Thinks

About It All

LONDON

British sources said last night the proposed reduction reflected Soviet belief that conventional arms and armaments were becoming obsolete in modern warfare.

They said another reason was to challenge the Western powers into making corresponding cuts in the levels of their armed forces.

BUDGET CUT TOO

The announcement disclosed at a press conference in the Soviet Foreign Ministry, said 375 ships of the Soviet Navy would be put into reserve. There would be a proportionate reduction in Soviet budget expenditure for military needs and in arms reductions.

MOSCOW

The wording of the announcement led foreign observers to believe that the reduction was dictated as much by the strain on the Soviet economy as by considerations of Soviet foreign policy.

WASHINGTON

Officials searched cautiously for loopholes in the Moscow announcement.

It was pointed out that the true significance of this cut in terms of global disarmament could not be properly assessed until the Soviet Union responded to the United States' suggestion that it disclose the existing total of its armed services manpower.

America has already made public the total number of men of its armed forces—2,800,000.

The timing of the announcement on the eve of the opening of Soviet-French talks in Moscow is regarded as another reason for treating it primarily as a propaganda gesture.—Reuter.

HK Prison Official's Evidence At Inquiry

Kampala, May 14. Gilbert Roy Pickett, Assistant Commissioner of Prisons in Hongkong, testified today in the investigation of the Uganda Central Prison, of which he was formerly Superintendent.

He told the investigating Commission there was "continual friction at the top of the Prison Department." He said that the Assistant Commissioner, John Redman, who visited the prison weekly, never went near the Superintendent's office.

"Sometimes I never knew he was in the prison," he said.

Mr. Pickett denied that he had known that alcohol, cigarettes and food were brought into the prison illegally or that prisoners went outside for trysts with African women.

He admitted that one prisoner, Robert McCorrow, who worked in the office, "might have been in a position to allocate the wardens' duties and housing."

Mr. Pickett came to Uganda by plane for the hearing.—United Press.

Western estimates place the present strength of the Soviet forces at about 4,000,000. There are 175 land divisions, "the greatest land force in the world today," according to General Alfred Gruenthal, retiring Supreme Allied Commander in Europe.

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EXPLAINS WHY

The Soviet Government said it had taken this action "with the desire of playing a new part in the matter of disarmament and ensuring peace, of striving to create still more favourable conditions for peaceful economic and cultural constructions in the Soviet Union.

"Undertaking this new and very great reduction in the number of the Soviet armed forces and armaments, the Soviet Government is striving to contribute towards the practical realisation of a disarmament programme which is under examination by the United Nations.

"Taking this decision, the Soviet Government takes into account that as for Europe, the French people and the British people just as the peoples of the Soviet Union and other peace loving European states do not want war, or the terrible consequences which they are still suffering from today."

The announcement said the demobilised men would be given the opportunity to work in industry and agriculture.

The demobilisation of 1,200,000 men would "play a great new part in the further raising of all branches of the national economy of the USSR."

FOR PEACE'

The statement added "at the same time, this further reduction of military expenditure in the USSR state budget will make it possible to direct the resources so released towards peaceful construction."

"In order to carry out still more successfully the grandiose plan of Socialist development of our country and the raising of the Soviet people's living standards."

The announcement said the Soviet Union "will not relax its vigilance and will be on guard against the intrigues of forces hostile to the cause of peace and peaceful co-existence between nations."

But, it added that the "forces of peace" were at present sufficiently strong and well organised "to give a due rebuff to any attempt to violate the peace."

Mr. Loonide Il'yichev, the Foreign Ministry Press Chief, who held the press conference, declined to answer reporters' questions on the present strength of Soviet forces.

On August 1, it was announced that Sir Thomas Lloyd, who is retiring from the Civil Service, will be appointed Permanent Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies in succession to Sir John Macpherson, former Governor-General of Nigeria.

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H-Expllosion Tomorrow?

Eniwetok, May 14. Improving conditions forecast by weather observers today raised hope that the Bikini H-bomb may be dropped on Wednesday.—United Press.

This Is Baby Roy



This picture just received from London shows Baby Roy and his mother, Mrs. Rennie Davenport. Before Roy was born in March doctors estimated that unless they could drain him completely of his blood and pump new blood into him he would die within an hour.

Britain May Send More Samples To China

London, May 14. Britain is to make more use of the "exemption procedure" to send certain "classified" goods to Communist China, the Minister of State at the Foreign Office, Mr. Anthony Nutting said today.

At the same time Britain was pressing America to permit a general revision of the China embargo to bring it into line with the less stringent embargo applied to Soviet Russia and its satellites.

A spokesman of the Board of Trade said that the exemption procedure referred to by Mr. Nutting consists of notifying "Chinacon" (the China Consultative Group of Paris) by member governments that they intend to authorise the export of certain banned goods to China as samples while awaiting an international decision on whether the particular item can be completely removed from the list.

Such an exemption was recently made when Britain allowed an export of about 60 tractors to China as "samples."

The Chinese authorities have made it known that they are prepared to buy from Britain 1,400,000 tractors.—France-Presse.

Algeria, May 14. This Resident Minister in Algeria M. Robert Lacoste said tonight that he thought order would be restored in Algeria by the end of the summer.

M. Lacoste said: "I promise no miracle, for recent memories are too cruel. But I bring you reasonable hope and I believe that by the end of the summer, we shall be able to say to our critics that law and order reigns in Algeria."

He said the Algerian problem could not be settled by arms alone. But he said it was not the moment to engage in hasty negotiations "just at the moment when the Army, after plunging to the depths of the abyss last February, had regained its profound belief in its mission."

He praised the morale of reservists drafted to Algeria and promised the systematic stamping out of terrorism.—France-Presse.

Rebel Force Wiped Out Near Algiers

Algiers, May 14. French armoured units and helicopter-borne troops today wiped out a rebel force in a battle only 15 miles south of Algiers.

The action was ordered after a number of terrorist attacks in the area culminating in an abortive attempt on the life of the Mayor of the village of Rivot.

The rebels had their headquarters in a fortified house on the outskirts of Rivot. As French troops approached their hideout a lively exchange of fire took place.

Then tanks attacked, demolishing the fortified house.

In the ruins of the building French troops found the bodies of 18 rebels in uniform, one of them bearing the insignia of a "liberation" party.

THE WEATHER: Fresh, gusty E.N.E. winds. Strong in exposed places. Cloudy with patches of drizzle or light rain. The strong monsoon signal is still hoisted.

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Cyprus Censure Motion Defeated

London, May 14. A stormy House of Commons debate on Cyprus ended tonight with the Government defeating a Labour censure motion by 314 votes to 236.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd, created uproar by referring to documents which he said showed that the Labour Government in 1951 had turned down Greek proposals that the island should be ceded to Greece.

The Labour Party is pressing that Cyprus should be granted self-determination.

Mr. Aneurin Bevan and other Labour leaders noisily argued for 10 minutes that the Government had no right to refer to documents that the House had no chance to examine.

Mr. Bevan said they did not know whether the Colonial Secretary was telling the truth or not.

Murderous Blackmail

Mr. Lennox-Boyd reported: "These documents are known to many people in Greece and I think it is about time that the people in the United Kingdom knew them too."

He spoke of the "bestiality" being carried out by gangsters in Cyprus and declared: "If anyone seriously suggests that British Government could possibly surrender to this form of murderous blackmail then I think they do not understand the real feelings of the British people."

The debate has opened by Mr. James Griffiths, deputy Leader of the Opposition, who urged the Government to bring the exiled Archbishop Makarios and a representative of the Cypriot Patriarchal Council to London to discuss a settlement of the Cyprus problem.—Reuter.

Russian Writer Shoots Himself

Moscow, May 14. The famous Russian novelist Alexander Fadeev, shot himself in a fit of alcoholism depression, in the official news agency Tass reported today.

Fadeev's death on Sunday had been announced in Moscow, but only today were correspondents permitted to write that he took his own life.

The novelist had been a chronic alcoholic and was in great pain for several years. Tass said, "On Sunday, he shot himself during a drinking bout in his Moscow apartment, it added.

Medical treatment of the novelist during his extended period of alcoholism had not been successful.—United Press.

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London, May 14. The Minister of Health, Mr. R. H. Tilton, told Parliament tonight that a Select Committee on Health had called to enquire into relations between lung cancer and the taking of snuff.

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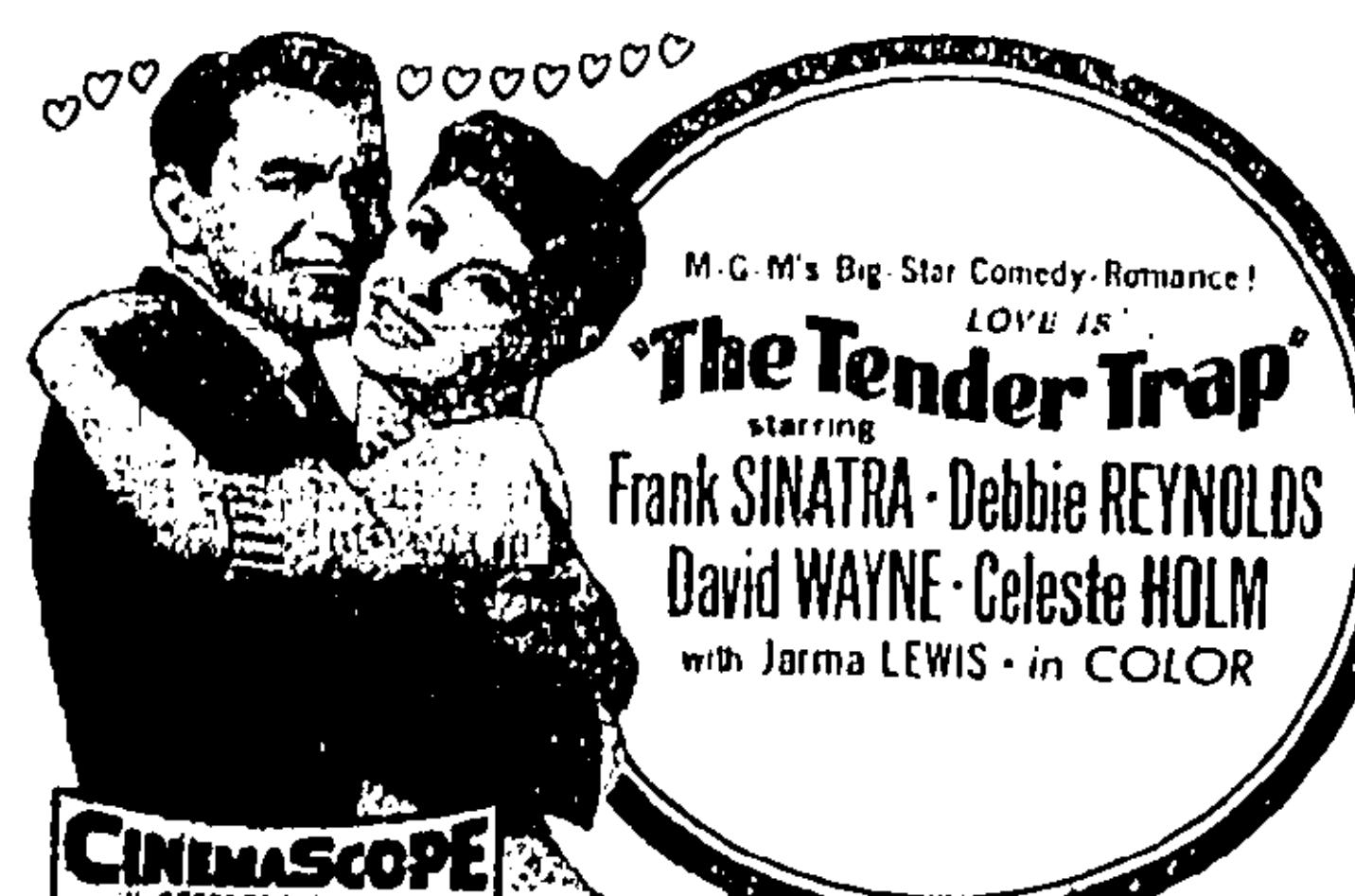
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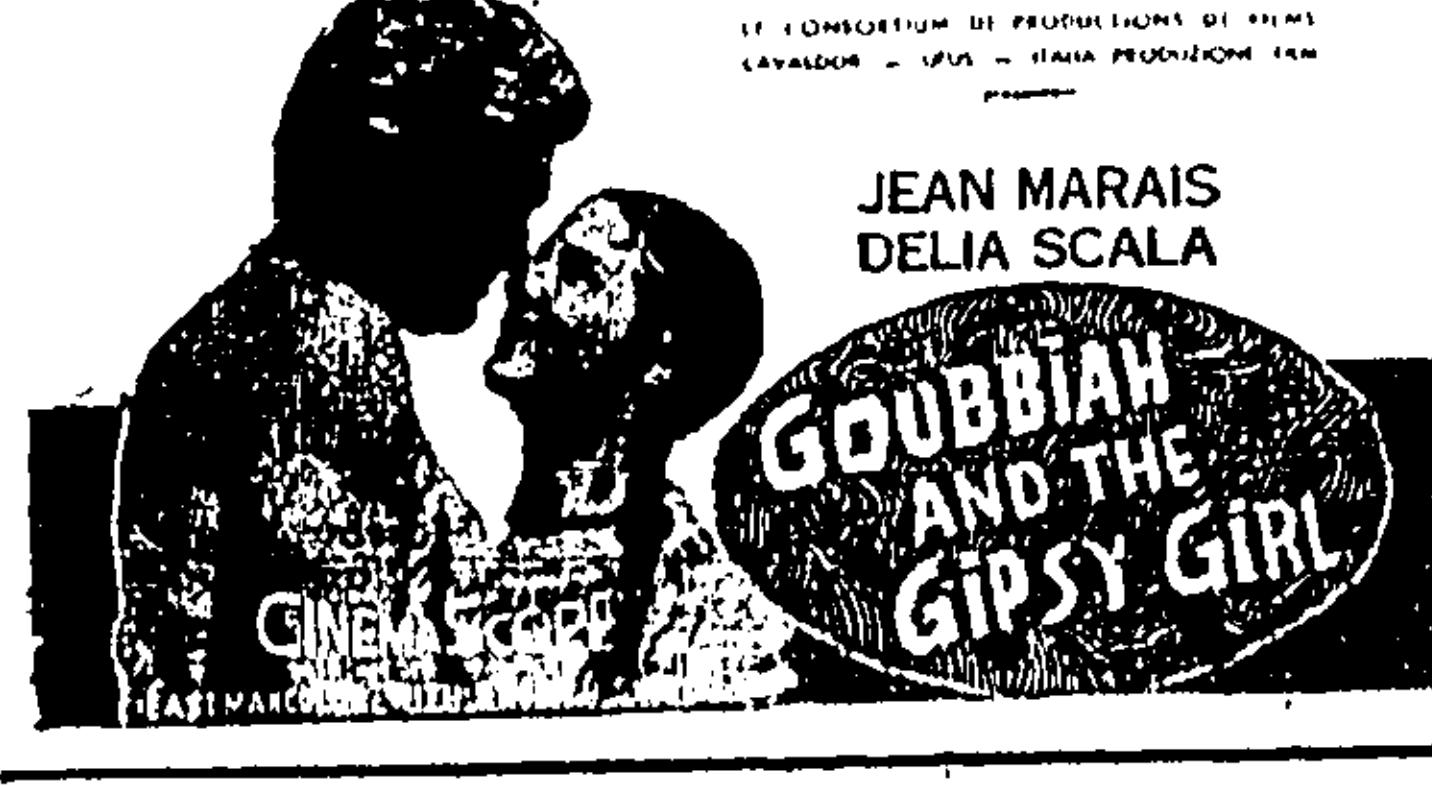
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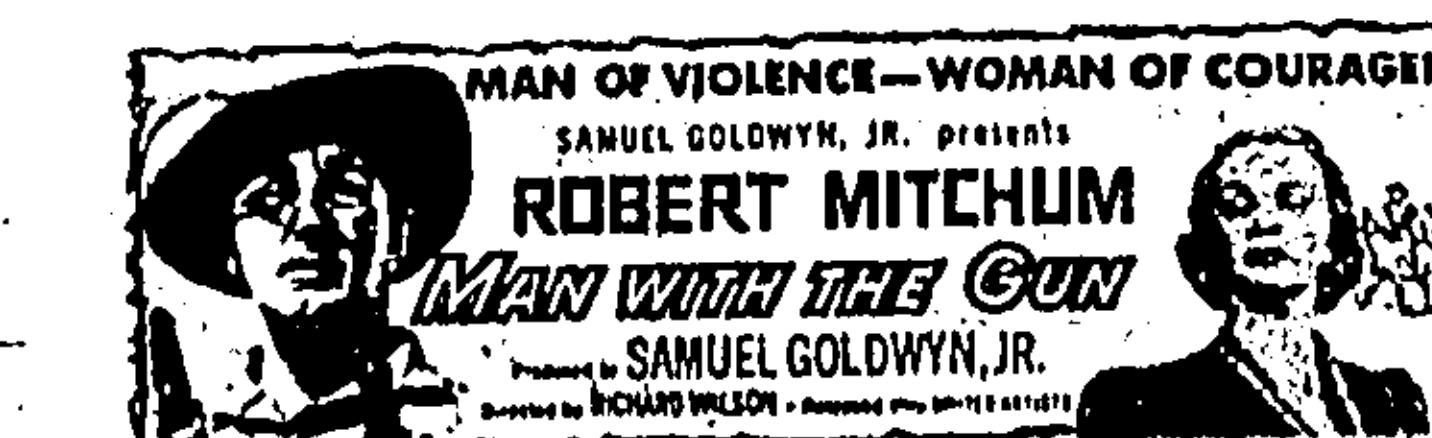
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Fishing Pact Welcomed

BUT RUSSIA MAY USE IT TO BARGAIN LATER

By Ralph Harris

Washington, May 14.

The Soviet Union's withdrawal of political conditions from its proposed short-term fishing pact with Japan was regarded here as a big step towards an eventual peace settlement between the two nations.

Japanese sources here said it now looked as though agreement on a peace treaty and an exchange of ambassadors would be reached by next spring at the latest.

The peace negotiations between Moscow and Tokyo are deadlocked over Japan's claim for island possessions occupied by Soviet forces since the end of the Second World War.

There was mixed reaction in Tokyo to the news.

Government officials emphasised that there can be no long term arrangement without a Soviet-Japan peace treaty.

Japan so far has had little reason to hope for a peace treaty which will satisfy her

terms, particularly her territorial demands.

Feeling Tempered

The Soviet Union's sudden change in position was as welcome as it was unexpected, according to Japanese opinion here.

It is withdrawal of the demanded overall peace settlement first, was described as a substantial victory for Japan, although this jubilant feeling was tempered by the realisation that the short-term fishing agreement probably would place a low ceiling on the salmon catch.

Although the terms of this agreement were not known, it was not expected that the Japanese fishermen would be permitted to catch more than 25,000,000 salmon in the current season.

A catch of this size would be much smaller than previous hauls and would represent a serious blow to the fisher and the Japanese people, which relies on fish for most of its protein.

But the agreement was viewed as the best possible arrangement in present circumstances as the Soviet Union was no longer trying to link it with a peace treaty, it was greeted as a good omen for future Soviet-Japanese negotiations.

On the other hand, informed sources said, the fishing dispute which is subtle political overture could again be the obstacle to a peace treaty when the talks were resumed, probably late this summer.

Taken Seriously

At that time, Japan is expected to press forward with its territorial claims. The Soviet Union then could refuse to raise the ceiling on the salmon catch unless the Japanese withdraw these claims.

This is a possibility taken seriously here, but Japanese officials for the time being are expressing themselves as encouraged by the Soviet's agreement today.

London diplomatic quarters saw the agreement as a success for the tough negotiating of Mr Ichiro Kono.

But full comment was withheld pending publication of the

"Singapore will become an important film centre," Mr Shaw predicted. Reuter.

Shaw Plans European Films

Singapore, May 14. Singapore film magnate Runme Shaw today announced that his organisation would produce films in co-operation with French and Italian companies.

Mr Shaw, with Mrs Shaw, returned today after a six-week tour of Britain and Europe.

The first film, based on a novel by George Clemenceau, will be filmed in Singapore and Hongkong towards the end of this year.

European and Oriental cast will star in the film which will be in cinemascope colour. Dialogue will be dubbed in French, Italian and Chinese.

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US 'DUMPING' IN INDONESIA WILL DISRUPT S.E.A. TRADE PATTERN

Singapore, May 14. AMERICAN "dumping" of surplus agricultural produce in Indonesia would disrupt the pattern of trade in this area, the influential Chinese newspaper Nan-yan Shang Fa claimed here today.

Nanyang suggested editorially that a more effective step would be to reduce American consumption of synthetic rubber and buy more natural rubber. This would raise the price a few cents a pound.

"Indonesia would derive several times more from

her annual export of 700,000 tons of natural rubber than she could get from the free supply of United States agricultural surpluses," the paper said.

Supply of 250,000 tons of American rice to Indonesia would reduce Indonesian buying from Thailand and Burma, the paper said, and would mean that Indonesia would stop her small seasonal purchases from Malaysia.

This could mean a fall in price for rice-producing countries and bankruptcy for farmers.

Reuter.

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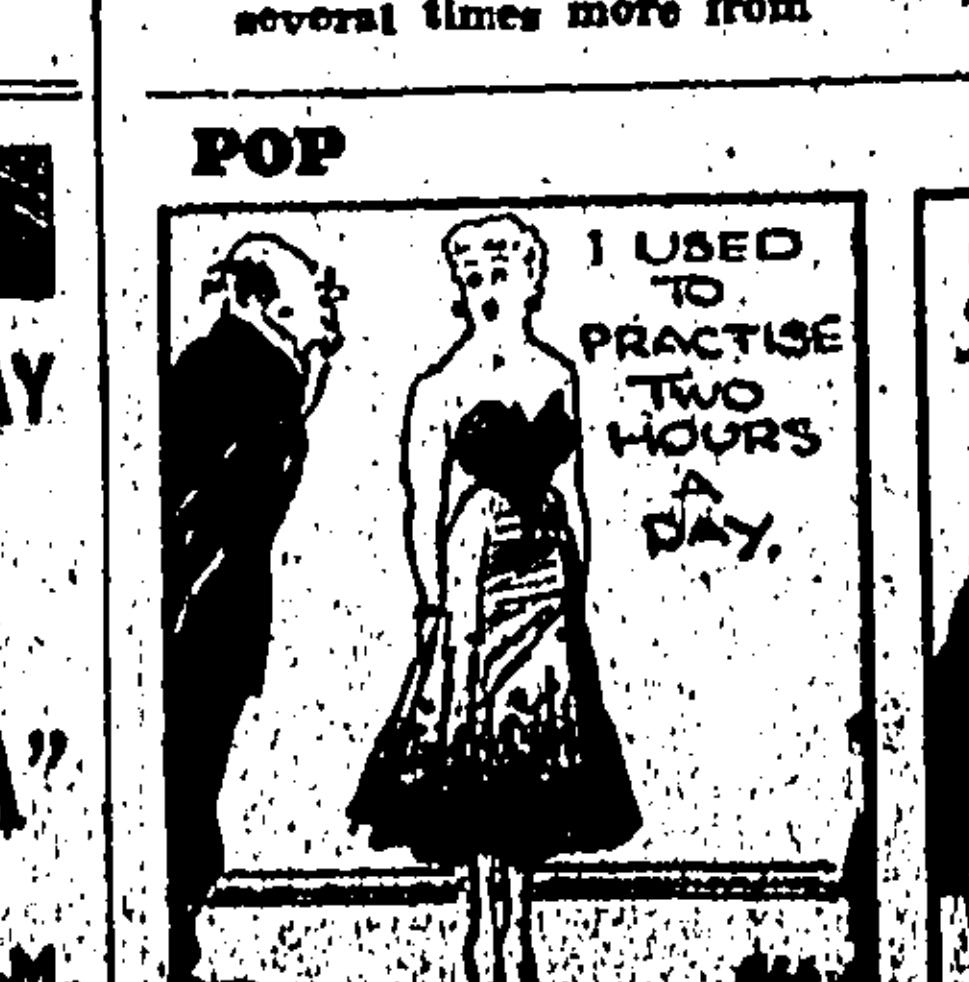
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WILSON AND RADFORD SUPPORT AID BUDGET

Major Cuts Would Affect Defence Of United States

Iron Curtain Introduces Hire Purchase

Vienna, May 14. At a time when Britain is putting the squeeze on credit schemes such as hire purchase, Poland and Hungary, two of the Soviet satellites in Eastern Europe, are introducing it.

Finding their stock of luxury goods growing, as few Polish or Hungarian citizens have the ready cash to buy radio sets, refrigerators, vacuum cleaners, pianos, and similar luxuries outright, the two governments have started hire-purchase schemes.

NOT EASY

Russia, Warsaw declared that after the Polish demonstration that hiring the Polish television centre, costing a refrigerator price of £2,000 plus £170 sterling, from 1959 to ten instalments.

The radio did not say if any down payment would be made, as the average payment of Polish workers is between 800 and 1,000 zlotys a month. Yet the ten instalments would not be easy.

Poland's television centre was also offered.

The explanation given for the new scheme was that "After 1959, half a stock of over 10,000 television sets, refrigerators and pianos, and help to get rid of them under the installation plan."

According to reports in the Dommelhuij Napo, a newspaper appearing in Pecs, Hungary, State stores in Hungary have also been authorised to sell on hire-purchase terms.

Each buyer gets a purchase book in which the monthly payments are recorded. They are allowed to buy until the monthly payments reach 33 percent of the purchase, or longer—China Mail Special.

GERMANS WELCOMED IN ATHENS

Athens, May 15. Greek ministers are expected to put their views on foreign affairs today to Dr Heinrich von Brentano, West German Foreign Minister, who arrived here yesterday with President Theodor Heuss of West Germany.

Professor Heuss, making his first trip abroad as President, was given a warm welcome as he arrived in Athens at the start of his 10-day state visit.

Police stood by, but Athenians who greeted Hitler's troops with shuttered windows and empty streets years ago, hung out German flags today.

The visit is seen here as the crowning point in the re-establishing of friendly relations between the two countries.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- Implied (5).
- Examined thoroughly (6).
- Highly pleased (6).
- Mistake (5).
- Crime (6).
- Earnest (7).
- Fewer (4).
- Agrees to (7).
- Piece cut off (7).
- Kind of vetch (6).
- Street traders (7).
- Exist (6).
- Holiness (6).
- Last (6).
- Stage direction (6).
- Riddle (6).
- Song of praise (4).
- Lock of hair (5).
- Connected sequence (5).
- Subject (5).
- Begretted (4).
- Unfeferle (6).
- Accent (6).
- Imprisonment (7).
- Soften (6).
- Put back (7).
- Notion (4).
- Join closely (6).
- Audite (4).
- Wire fastener (6).
- Mourn (6).
- Despatches (6).
- Escape from (6).
- View (6).
- Song of praise (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Construe, 8 Doom, 9 Silence, 11 Elevated, 13 Urge, 16 Convened, 18 Delivers, 19 Rent, 21 Released; 23 Procured, 26 Term, 27 Delivers; Down: 1 Edge, 2 Tone, 4 Omitt, 5 Sud, 6 Recur, 7 Erie, 8 Saved, 10 Lovel, 12 Lodes, 14 Gorge, 16 Never, 17 Dived, 19 Rapid, 20 Nooks, 21 Rude, 22 Len, 23 Step, 24 Damp.

CARRIERS HOME

London, May 14. Two of the Royal Navy's most up-to-date aircraft carriers, Albion and Centaur (both 22,000 tons) arrive back in British waters tomorrow after a tour of duty in the Far East lasting nearly five months.

The Centaur will arrive at Devonport. In the morning and the Albion at Portsmouth in the afternoon.

The carriers have taken part in exercises with ships of the Royal Australian and Royal New Zealand navies.—France Presse.

English As She Is Spoke —By The RAF

Cologne, May 14. Students of English at Cologne University are soon to be introduced to English as she is spoke by the Royal Air Force.

"Stationmasters with scrambled eggs and fruit-salad supervising gen-men with gongs who can look into the crystal ball and forecast rockets for prunes who prang" is an example of the jargon which Dr Paul Buchloh, of the University's English faculty, brought back from a recent visit to the headquarters of Second Allied Tactical Air Force.

Dr Buchloh, himself a wartime pilot, believes that air force slang made a great impact on the development of languages, especially English, during the war.

Adm Radford said "there are many valid reasons" why it is better to help allied nations maintain their armed forces through military assistance than to attempt to provide US soldiers in the absence of those forces.

Besides the lack of such limited manpower resources that would be required, the costs would be prohibitive even for this country."

Change Of Tactics

Sen. Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, asked Mr Wilson if heavy US armaments shipments to Pakistan might not be "nullifying what beneficial effect may flow from our economic aid to India." He said the arms-to-Pakistan programme is the "main trouble between India and ourselves."

Any substantial reduction in the request would have seriously adverse effects upon the continued building of military strength in the free world and, at the same time, would have equally dangerous psychological repercussions," Adm Radford said.

Mr Wilson said a decision in that field would lie with the State Department rather than Defense.

Sen. Fulbright also questioned Radford about the admiral's statement that Russia had changed her tactics. If that is so, Sen. Fulbright said, "why shouldn't we change our tactics?"

He asked "wouldn't it be a little slow witted on our part to build up the military (aspects) while Russia concentrates on winning friends through economic and technical aid?"

Adm Radford said he wasn't advocating increased military aid but added,

"I think we have to maintain it."

Clearer View

Adm Radford and Mr Wilson said they thought the military programme is necessary until a clearer view can be obtained of Russian plans.

Adm Radford told the Committee that NATO's strength has been weakened by the movement of French troops to North Africa, but said the troops could be rapidly redeployed back to Europe in the event of a general emergency.

The question of the French divisions in North Africa was raised by Senator H. Alexander Smith, who asked to what extent American arms are being used against nationalists in North Africa and whether NATO has been weakened by the transfer of French divisions to North Africa.

Adm Radford said that a part of the heavy equipment shipped to France is not particularly suited for use in North Africa.

He said NATO has been weakened by the removal of French divisions to North Africa.

But Adm Radford said that in the event of a general emergency, the French troops could be rapidly redeployed to Europe. This, he said, makes the situation less serious.—United Press.

29 Indian Communists In Gaol

New Delhi, May 14. India had 29 Communists in prison under preventive detention on December 31 last year, according to figures disclosed in both Houses of Parliament today.

They include members of the Communist Party of India, the Bolshevik Party and the Revolutionary Socialist Party.

A total of 131 people were held in prisons under the preventive Detention Bill of 1950.

The Bill gives the Government power to detain without trial people suspected of activities prejudicial to the security of the state or the maintenance of public order.—Reuter.

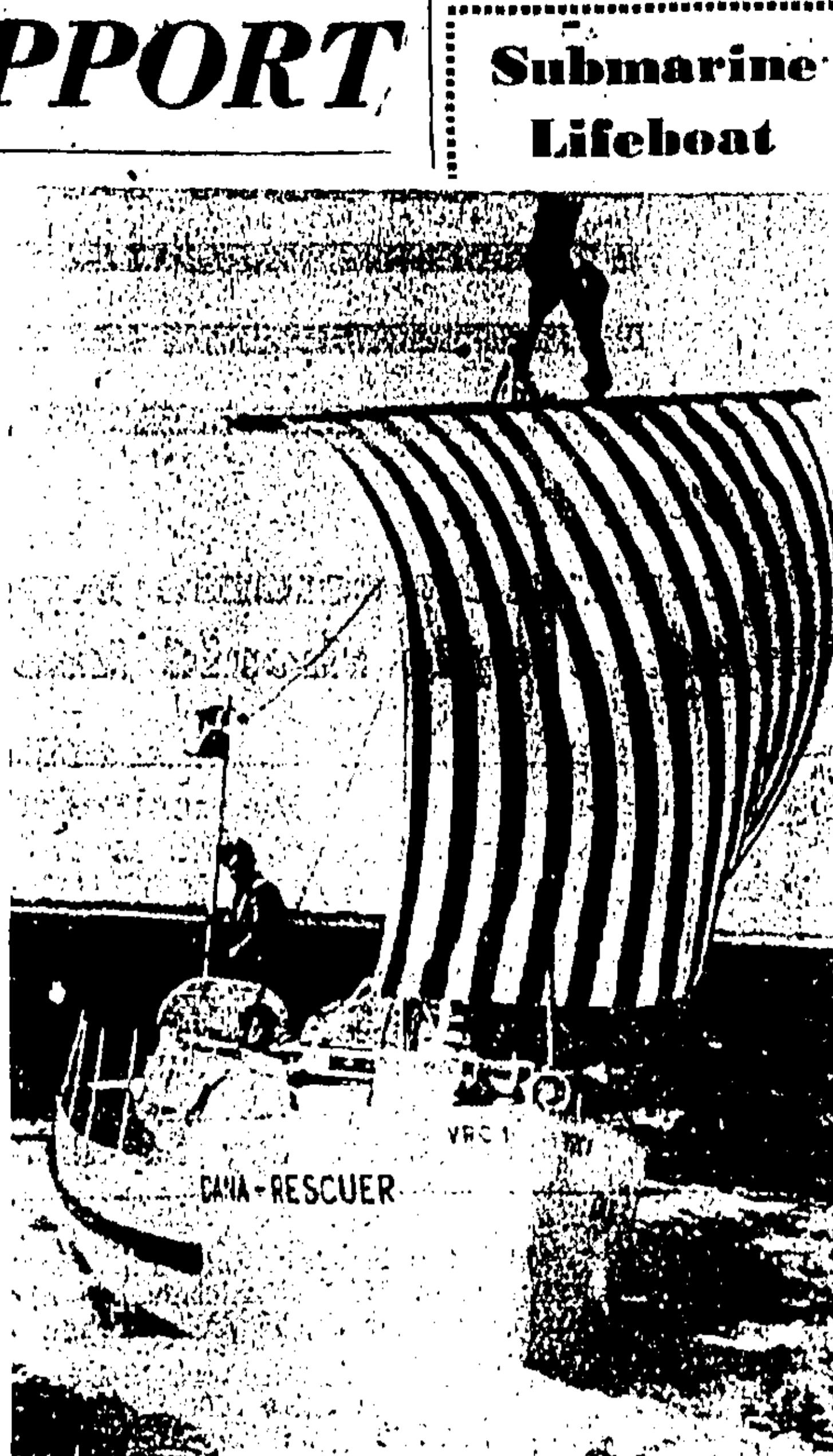
Jordan Condemned

Jerusalem, May 14. The Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission today condemned Jordan for the ambush of an Israeli civilian car on May 9.

The Commission called the attack near Kfar Saba, Israel, an "unprovoked aggressive act" and called on Jordan "most urgently to put an immediate end to such and similar acts."

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Submarine Lifeboat

SINGAPORE NOT DEPRIVING UK OF VITAL LINK

London, May 14.

Mr David Marshall, Chief Minister of Singapore, declared in a television discussion here tonight that Singapore did not wish to deprive Britain of what she considered to be a vital link in her external defence system.

He was taking part with journalist Frank Owen and former Labour member of Parliament, Mr John Lewis in a commercial television programme called "Second Out."

Mr Marshall said: "In our experience of the way Singapore went in 1942, we do not accept the thesis that Singapore is such a vital link in international defence in time of war, but we do recognise that the United Kingdom thinks Singapore is a vital link."

And after reading some of her mail at her London flat she signed "none of them seem particularly inspired."

"If I find one which fires my imagination I'll write suggesting a meeting."

Yolande, who is half Chinese and who is secret about her age, dreams of a man earning more than £2,000, who has a car and a house in the country. She also hopes for a family of six.—China Mail Special.

Built His Own Floating Home

Auckland, May 14.

Removal problems for Mr and Mrs Bernie Jones are almost non-existent. They recently arrived in Auckland in their home after a leisurely cruise via east coast ports from Wellington.

Home to them is a trim 4-ton cutter called Cutty Sark, launched in 1948 and lived in ever since by them.

Tasmanian-born Mr Jones bought a section on the Lyttelton waterfront in 1927 and began to build the 60-foot cutter. He designed it for fishing and intended it for pleasure when he retired, but "By the time I launched her I was too old for fishing," said 62-year-old Mr Jones.

The Cutty Sark has seven tons of English oak in her frames and backbone, and the planks and decking are Oregon pine.

Mr Jones and his wife "pottered" about the South Island before dropping anchor at Picton for four years. They set sail for the north, but intend returning south again in the spring.—China Mail Special.

YANGTSE FEAT

Paris, May 14.

Radio Peking tonight claimed tonight that for the first time in China, a tugboat had successfully pushed three loaded boats along the Yungtse River for Hongkow.

The radio claimed that for a tugboat to push boats in a row is an advanced navigation method developed in the Soviet Union.

The radio further claimed that it had the advantage of meeting less friction than other methods employed in navigation, thus resulting in greater speed.—France-Presse.

French-West German talks

Paris, May 14. French-West German talks which will resume in Paris tomorrow will cover all outstanding issues between the two countries besides the Saar question. It was learned here tonight.

Among other questions to be discussed between French Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Maurice Faure and his German counterpart Walter Hallstein will be the Moselle Canal project.

The talks are to finish either on Wednesday night or Thursday morning.—France-Presse.

Eden Meets Von Brentano

Paris, May 14.

Mr. von Brentano, the West German Foreign Minister (left) shakes hands with the British Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden, after launching him at No. 10 Downing Street in London.—Central Express Photo.

HUSH MONEY

Bloomfield, NJ, May 14.

A man here left \$1,800 dollars (about £600 sterling) in the pocket of a suit he sent out to be cleaned.

A clerk in the cleaning shop found the money and returned it to its owner.

The shop withheld the customer's name, saying that it might be embarrassing to him to divulge it.—China Mail Special.

Differences

The election was held a year earlier than it need have been because of differences mainly in economic affairs—between the People's Party and Socialists—pending the formation of a new administration.

The People's Party expected to demand stronger representation in the new coalition, have provisionally increased their Lower House numbers from 74 seats to 82. The Socialists increased from 73 to 77.

Dr Koerner also instructed the present Government—an alliance of right-wing People's Party and Socialists—to stay in office as a caretaker government pending the formation of a new administration.

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These critics say he has been "soft" on the issue of the South Tyrol—given to Italy after the first world war and still a cause of strong feeling among Tyroleans.

He may be replaced by Dr Alfred Maletz, a 50-year-old lawyer from Lower Austria who is secretary general of the People's Party but who has not been much in the public eye so far.

The new Ram and Sita have formed a sect to fight the corruption demons of the present age.

During the demonstrations in the village last Sunday, they attacked the police who were forced to open fire.—France Presse.

COUPLE CAUSE RIOT

Calcutta, May 14.

A young Indian and his pretty wife, claiming to be the reincarnation of Hindu epic heroes, caused a disturbance in a Bihar village, 300 miles west of Calcutta in which one person was killed and 25 were wounded.

The couple and 33 of their followers were arrested. The couple claimed to be the reincarnation of Ram and Sita, hero and heroine of the Hindu epic "Ramayana" in which Ram kills a demon Demon Ravan who had kidnapped his wife, Sita, and taken her off to Ceylon.

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BRITISH ENVOY TO INDONESIA

London, May 14.

Mr Dermot MacDermot is to be Britain's new ambassador to Indonesia, the Foreign Office announced tonight.

Mr MacDermot, who is now British Minister in Bucharest, will take over in Djakarta from Mr George Molland.—China Mail Special.

Long Time

Condition discussions on the "new look" of the cabinet are expected to begin almost at once.

In view of the claims that the People's Party is expected to make about stronger representation, the negotiations may be long and difficult.

There is no legal limit to the period in which a caretaker may hold office, though the new parliament must meet by June 12.—Reuter.

Berlin, May 14.

Green and black roses are on show this year in the botanical garden at Sangerhausen, East Germany, the official news agency ADN reported.—China Mail Special.

This Funny World



... Grammy's inside... but she didn't ride in on a broom like you said she would...

• BY • THE • WAY •
by Beachcomber

AT a conference summoned by Sol Hogenbach yesterday, it was suggested that the new musical film "Homer's Odyssey" should be called "Homer's Bad" — an easier word for the public to pronounce.

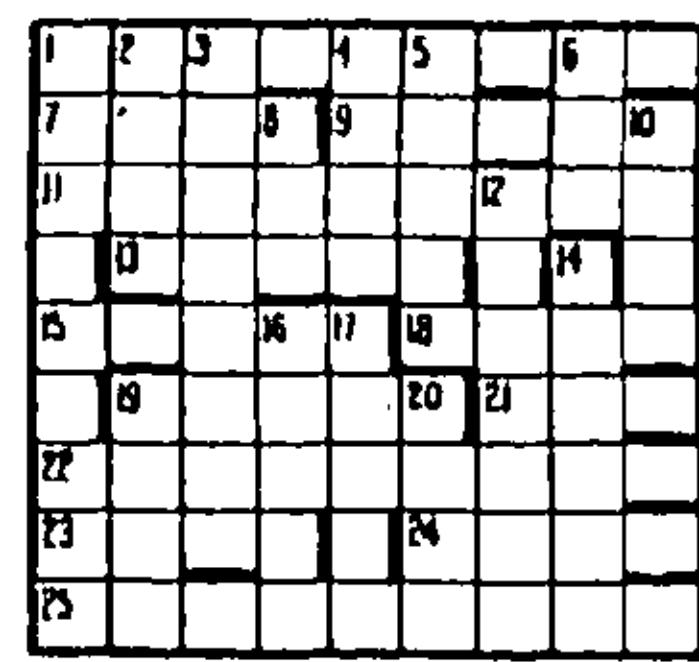
Hogenbach said the use of the name "Homer" stamped the film as American, but that was impossible. Miss Monroe, however, said that that was impossible. Miss Monroe, however, suggested that "Bettie Heaven" would be suitable as last music was serious." Bach was selected, because according to Hogenbach, "He don't sing so easy, and we gotta use his stuff for the Cortes film 'Mexican Nights'."

Fouleneough's dream

of home

IN spite of those "purely temporary financial embarrassments" which so often assume the guise of permanence,

CROSSWORD



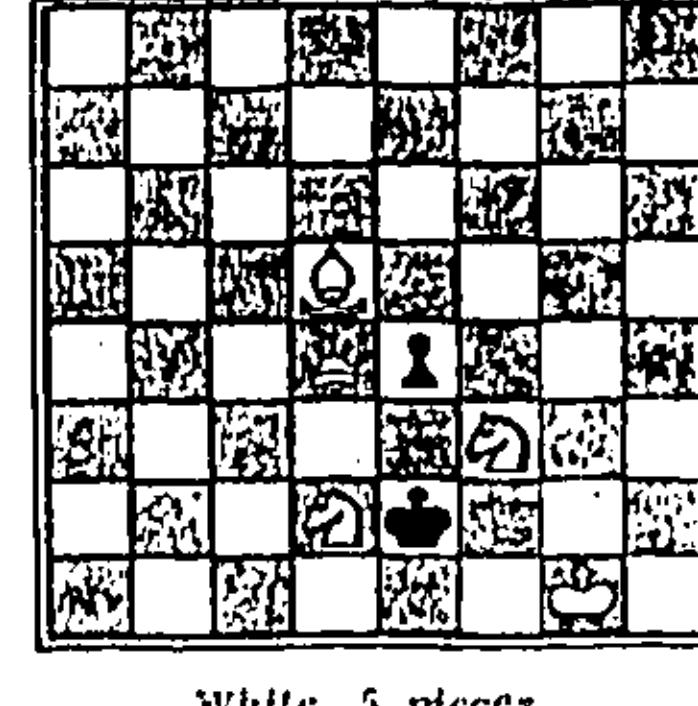
1. This answer just must hold water. (6, 4)
2. The speaking end of everything. (6)
3. A name one must be reckoned on. (5)
4. An answer to a reply. (9)
5. A name often put, unfortunately, in relation to the plograms. (6)
6. This makes an ion. with the times. (3)
7. Hide with this for a game. (4)
8. This is a bit of an upset, to put it another way. (4)
9. Anything out of this is behind the scenes. (3)
10. Modern buildings too often seem to me. (4-6)
11. Culture. (4)
12. This Across is audit. (6) the sted involved inside. (9)

Down:

1. They take heart, as all gofers know, in the wearing of the green. (4-6)
2. Acre is one measure of it. (4)
3. By moonlight it's world famous.
4. It's often consigned to Spain. (4)
5. These keep the liquor in. (6)
6. Loud one is often called a clacker up. (6)
7. Card game sounds like part of a railway system. (3)
10. Scouts go off on it. (4)
12. Kraut often do this. (6)
14. Little sort of countenance is untroubled. (6)
16. This stitch produces many (6)
17. Our should AVAILAABA
and again, VERDPIRTRI
with down. MCLOVEPPP
18. Already one ROCHICHE
means a good DRAKE MACHE
rate of knot. VITSTARTOT
20. T R E N EXITATES
(4)

CHESS PROBLEM

By S. ZLATIO
Black, 2 pieces



White, 5 pieces.
White to play: mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. K-R2, threat ♜-R3 (ch);
1... Q-Q3; 2. R-Q1 (ch);
1... Q-Q3; 2. BxP; 1.
P-B6; 2. R-K3.

• JACOBY
ON BRIDGE

Dangerous Foe Kept From Lead

By OSWALD JACOBY

TODAY'S hand is an exercise in keeping the dangerous opponent out of the lead. You must develop three diamond tricks without allowing West to gain the lead, since West would easily defeat you with the long spades.

How do you go about it with only two entries to the dummy? Try to work it out for yourself, and then compare notes with the solution of Commander Ernest Pawle, who constructed the hand.

East discards a heart on the first trick, and you win with the ace of spades. Your next step is to lead the ace of diamonds. East cleverly throws away the king of diamonds, waiting for a chance to get rid of the jack of diamonds also. Then West would be able to win the third round of diamonds with the ten.

You must foil this little plot by entering dummy with the hand.

NORTH 15

♦ K ♦ Q ♦ 5 ♦ 4 ♦

♦ 8 ♦ 4 ♦ 3 ♦ A ♦ 5 ♦

WEST EAST

♦ K ♦ Q ♦ 10 ♦ 9 ♦

♦ 10 ♦ 9 ♦ 8 ♦ 6 ♦ 3 ♦

♦ Q ♦ 10 ♦ 9 ♦ 7 ♦

♦ 6 ♦ 5 ♦ 4 ♦ 3 ♦

SOUTH (D)

♦ A ♦ 4 ♦ 3 ♦

♦ A ♦ K ♦ 7 ♦

♦ A ♦ Q ♦ 5 ♦

♦ K ♦ 4 ♦

North-South vul.

South West North East

1 ♦ A ♦ Pass Pass

Double Pass 2 ♦ Pass

2 N.T. Pass 3 N.T. Pass

Pass Pass

Opening lead: ♠ K

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Scooped neckline and full, two-tiered skirt give this sleeveless cotton frock a Continental look. Patterned with a tiny ship design, it is worn under a waistlength bolero with cap sleeves.

FOR THE HOLIDAY GIRL



Consider the income of your escort when suggesting entertainment.

Do not overdress just because it is a holiday.

Prepare for sunshine, cold or shower and do not grumble if the weather lets you down.

Do not nap—even if the old man feels like napping or the children are shouting.

AND HER ESCORT

Tell her she looks wonderful and start the holiday right. Just for once come out from behind that newspaper and try a little conversation.

Even if the total cost of the holiday appeals you, do not tell her till the following week.

London Express Service.

WOMANSENSE

THE FASHION WORLD NEEDS A REALIST

By JILL CAREY

EVER notice the sort of backgrounds fashion photographers pick for their models? Graceful old gardens, stately mansions, exclusive—and apparently unpeopled—backwaters of big cities.

Conclusion: You can wear 'em and look. Or hope that Dior's next "look" will be the "H" for Homes.

May I be permitted just one honest cry to the fashion world in general? It's this: Please, please, try to be a bit more realistic!

Footnote: My plan for less exotic backgrounds for fashion models is likely to rouse the Royal Navy. As setting for a recent show of dresses underwear and swimsuits, a hanger of the aircraft carrier Ark Royal was used. Who ever called it the silent service?

OFF THE STRAIGHT

Having trouble with that elusive hemline, you home dress-makers? Well, don't worry. You're in the vanguard of fashion. From Rome come the first hints that hemlines are to be uneven.

On evening dresses hemlines are tilted to reveal elegant ankles in elegant shoes. But, remember, the word is elegant.

OUT OF PLACE

My suspicion was in a measure confirmed during a recent stroll through London's plush Mayfair. That day was the first of exclusive Bond Street's Fashion Week, and to mark the occasion models had swarmed out of their nearby scented salons to parade in procession through the streets.

Tricked up in the latest sheath-slim dresses and costumes and flouncy ballerina-length creations, they looked—against an everyday background—as out of place as a meringue on a breakfast table...and about as appetizing.

We poor sidewalk gawkers got a real eyeful of the upended fruit-dishes we're being adjusted to wear slung on the front of our sleek and shiny coffee-tables these days. And for the first time we had a chance to size them up against the sort of

point. Up-to-the-minute styles are taking second place to everyday wearability. Waistlines have been shifted back where nature meant them to be, bodices are moulded and the skirts are the sort which can be worn by two-legged women who like to walk.

Now, what's so special about our Soviet sisters? By all accounts, they're realistic about clothes and will want to see and buy only those they can wear without being the year's big joke with the local collective.

Somewhere in there is a moral....

To Food

1/4 c. sugar and 1/4 tsp. cinnamon.

Top with big spoonfuls of dry baking powder biscuit batter.

Bake 25 min. in a hot oven, 400° F.

Serve hot with cream or the lemon-butter sauce already given in this column.

Drop Baking Powder Biscuit Batter: Use biscuit mix; or sift together 2 c. already-sifted enriched flour, 4 tsp. baking powder, 1 tsp. sugar and 1/2 tsp. salt.

Tomato Soup Crackers High Style Sausage-Vegetable Grill Tossed Green Salad Blueberry Upside-Down Pudding Coffee Tea Milk

All measurements are by level.

Ricotta Pudding to Serve 4 to 6

Blueberry Upside-Down Pudding: Rub an 8" square pan with butter or margarine. In it put the contents of 1 (No. 2) tin sliced blueberries-in-syrup mixed with

1/4 c. sugar and 1/4 tsp. cinnamon.

Place on the sweet potatoes and 2 cored apples sliced 1/4" thick.

Brush both apples and sweet potatoes with melted margarine or oil. Dust the apples with sugar, the sweet potatoes with bacon crisp.

Alternate sweet potato and apple slices on a platter.

Garnish with the sausages, mushrooms and parsley.

DINNER Tomato Soup Crackers High Style Sausage-Vegetable Grill Tossed Green Salad Blueberry Upside-Down Pudding Coffee Tea Milk

After giving Hamid a jar, the bee made Willy take one, too.

The third jar the bee kept for herself.

"Just walk up and down and whenever you see a flower, shake it into the jar. The dusty stuff that falls into the jar is pollen," said Hamid.

"It's pollen?" said Willy.

"It's pollen?" said Hamid.

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JUNGLE SEARCH FOR IRON ORE FORTUNE

Monrovia, Liberia, May 14.

Eleven Swedes, an American and a Scot are searching in one of the world's thickest jungle areas in the heart of this republic for what is believed to be a gigantic deposit of pure iron ore—several hundred million tons of it.

More than 170 miles east of here and 70 miles inland from the Atlantic coast these geologists and engineers are hunting to extract from a range of hills which is reputed to be one of the oldest and most extensive deposits of pure iron ore in the world.

The range of hills known as Putu covering 70 square miles, whose forest-clad peaks jut up between 2,000 and 3,000 feet above sea level, is now the centre of one of the most determined and exhaustive explorations this country has yet known.

Hacking Out Base

The prize for the effort and money now being expended may be several hundred million tons of the purest iron ore yet found in nature, exceeding in quantity and quality the Bomu Hill range, 200 miles to the west, from which 2,000,000 tons of high-grade ore are being extracted annually.

For the last 18 months, a small band of Europeans has been surveying the area, uncharted and unknown less than five years ago, and hacking out a base in the jungle.

Two diamond drill rigs, operated by expert Swedish driller, are biting down into the mountains to obtain samples of the ore and assess both its quantity and quality.

Every piece of equipment, every tin of food, vehicles, tools and other supplies have had to be hauled in to the base camp at the foot of the mountain range where an 8,000-foot long drift has been laid down in the midst of the jungle.

In a dilapidated wooden-frame house, converted into an office building, overlooking the valley lie here two of the men who are convinced that the Putu Hills and the surrounding area hold tens of millions of dollars worth of valuable and workable mineral ore told the story of their search.

High-Grade Ore

Ruhn, Borgesjo, 37-year-old mechanical engineer from Stockholm, is a tall, quiet spoken mining expert who has helped build water power stations in Brazil and a chemical factory in the Argentine.

A W. "Sandy" Clark, chief geologist on the Putu Hills project, has spent half his 60 years in Africa.

They said that the existence of high-grade ore in the Putu Hills area had been rumoured for many years, but it was not until after the war that geologists were able to penetrate the district and discovered to their astonishment that local tribesmen had smelted their own iron for centuries.

The process used by the tribesmen was staggeringly simple and suggested the existence of plentiful, and rich, deposits. The tribesmen merely tossed a few chunks of rock into a hole they had dug in the ground, added animal bones for lime, lit a fire—and there was iron!

Negotiations began between the Liberian Government and Mr. Johnston Avery, former deputy director of the United States Technical Assistance Programme and now President of the Liberian American Minerals Company which is now carrying out exploration and surveys of the area.

70-Year Concession

The Liberian Government has granted the company jointly owned by American and Swedish interests, a 70-year concession covering an area of 600 square miles, giving it the right to "explore, develop and mine iron ore, manganese, bauxite, columbite, mica, oil and natural gas."

Mr. Clark, who spent a whole year at Putu when his only communication with the outside world was by a light aeroplane every two weeks carrying mail and supplies, said that he had been astonished to discover that two Canadian women missionaries had themselves constructed an airstrip at the foot of one of the highest peaks in the district.

The two women, Miss Sophie Nygaard and Miss Margaret Wade, of the Assemblies of

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**Premier And
Chancellor**

Liquid Asset

Wellington, May 14.

When the borough of Blenheim launched a loan of £25,000 for a swimming pool it was oversubscribed in two and a half days—a surprising result in a period when local authorities throughout the country are starving for loan moneys.

The loan was the first of the kind subject to a government condition that the whole of a loan be raised within the area of the local authority.—China Mail Special.

Sydney, May 14.

Sydney University hopes to have the first Chair of Australian Literature.

Paris, May 14.

Radio Peking reported today that the surveying had begun for a big multi-purpose hydro-power project to be built on the Yangtze River's biggest tributary.

The project, added the radio, is intended to serve the purposes of flood prevention, irrigation, navigation and power generation.

It will also serve as the starting point of a future canal to link China's two biggest waterways—the Yangtze and Yellow Rivers.—France-Press.

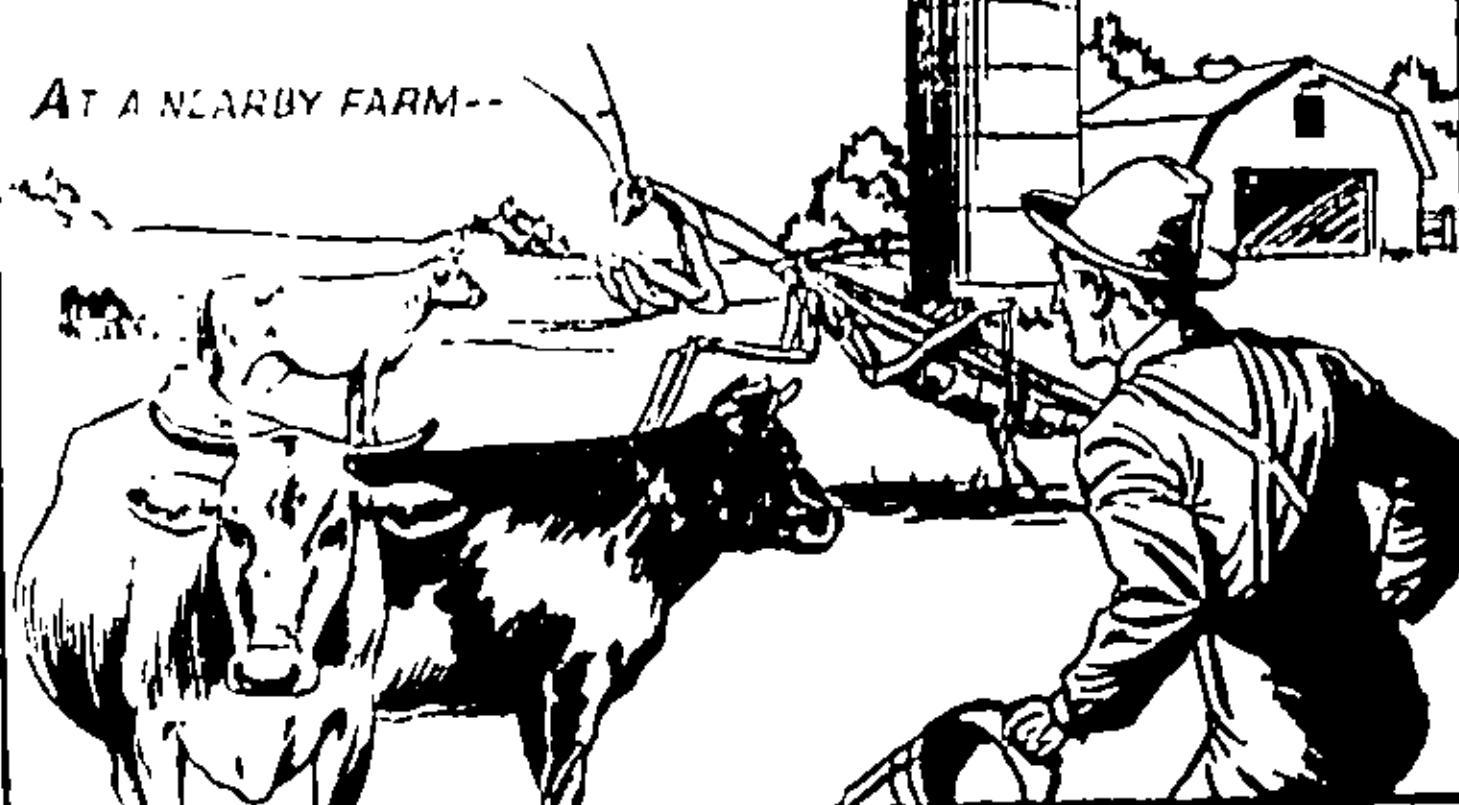
Paris, May 14.

A committee plans to raise £80,000 as an endowment.

University authorities have declared that Australian literature is vigorous and mature enough to warrant full academic study.—China Mail Special.

Drilling has been going on since last August, down to 2,000 feet. Several thousand feet more will be explored in the next few months.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN


**£300 FOUND
IN RIVER**

Brisbane, May 14.

A leather bag containing £300 in cash was found in the Don River near Woytan, 54 miles southwest of Rockhampton, in northern Queensland, six weeks after it was lost.

The flight itself took place in great secrecy because people then thought Ellehammer crazy to attempt to fly in a "heavier than air machine."

The money, in notes, silver and copper, had been carried by a bank manager who was drowning dressed crossing the flooded river by car.

Mr. Mervyn Robert Kelland, who first found the bank manager's car will receive £50 for the recovery of the money.—China Mail Special.

ISRAELIS SHOT

Tel-Aviv, May 14.

A Syrian post fired on two Israeli workmen in the Kibbutz Gonen area, an Israeli spokesman said here tonight.

Both Israelis were injured, the spokesman added.—France-Press.

Paris, May 14.

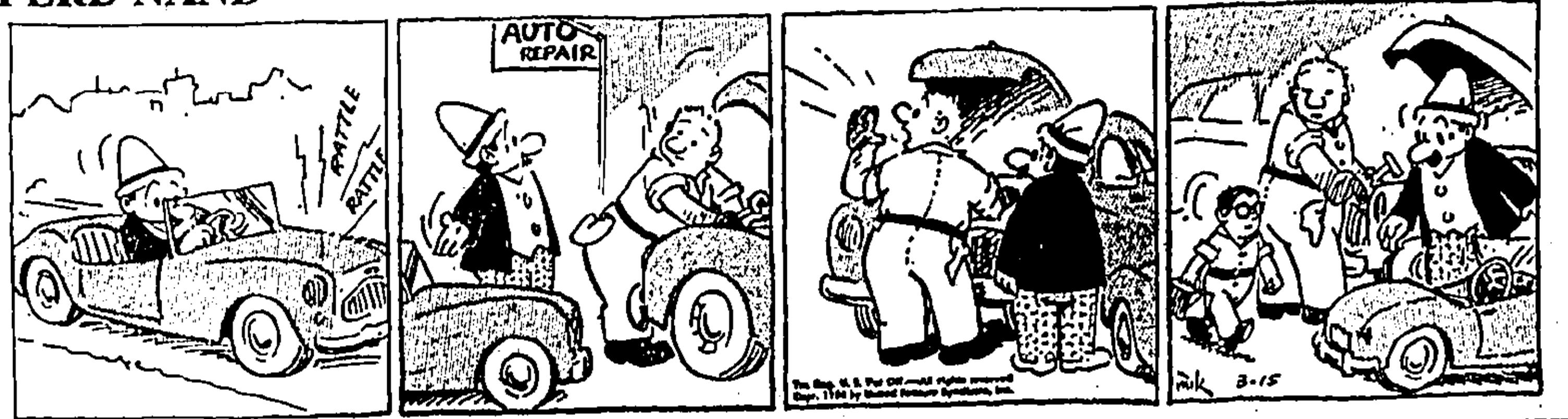
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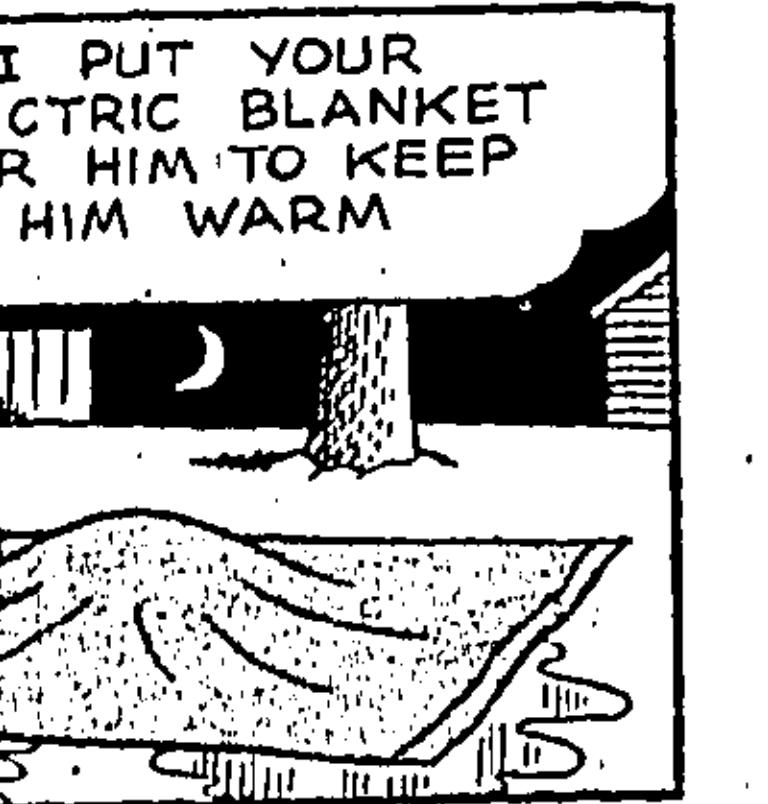
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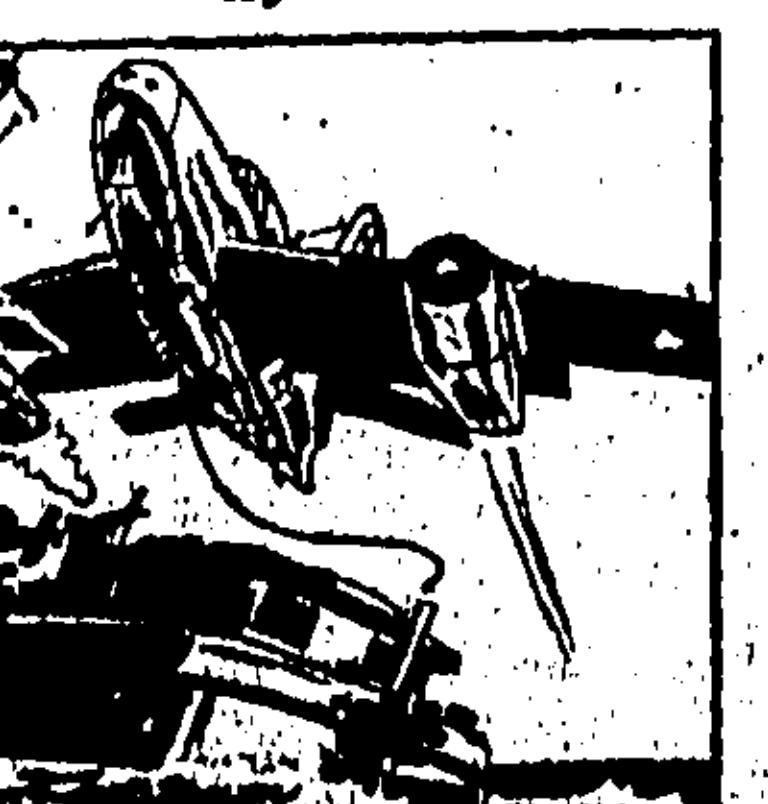
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Denmark Honours Plane Pioneer

Copenhagen, May 14.

Denmark is this year paying tribute to a mechanical genius whose boyhood love of kites led him to become one of the world's pioneers of flying.

He is Jacob Christian Ellehammer, who, 50 years ago, on September 12, 1906, succeeded in flying an aircraft of his own construction five weeks before the Brazilian, Santos Dumont, achieved his first flight of 200 feet with a power-driven machine, near Paris, on October 23, 1906.

The condition for winning the first prize of 5,000 Reich Marks was that the machine should stay in the air for one minute. Ellehammer managed to stay up only for eleven seconds, but he won the prize all the same. All the other entrants failed to get their machines off the ground.

In 1909, he built a flying boat and three years later, a helicopter whose flight was witnessed by, among others, Prince Axel of Denmark, one of the patrons of this year's celebrations.

By the time World War I loomed over Europe, in 1914, Ellehammer had given up his experiments with aircraft.

He had financed and carried out all his research by himself with inadequate funds and backing. In a small country, with no industry, no one realised the potentialities of his work.

The engine with which Ellehammer made his first flight was the world's first radial stationary air-cooled engine and the archetype for the "Whirlwind" engine with which the American, Charles Lindbergh, later made his first solo flight across the Atlantic in 1927.

Made Cycles

The extent of Ellehammer's mechanical genius is indicated by the fact that he took out 400 patents for inventions ranging from new carburetors to new ways of rolling cigarettes.

Most of his early aviation experiments were financed from the profits he made at the turn of the century by making motorcycles. He built 1,000 of these "Elleham" motorcycles which in design were the forerunner of today's popular scooters.

Ellehammer died in 1949 at the age of 78, left school with only an elementary education. An exhibition in his honour, organised by the Royal Danish Aero Club, was opened in the Town Hall here on May 4. On September 12, the 50th anniversary of Ellehammer's first flight, a copy of one of Ellehammer's first planes, strengthened to meet modern safety regulations will try to take off from Lindholm Island.

A special postage stamp will be issued to honour Ellehammer on that date and it is also hoped to arrange a flying rally in August in which fliers from other North Atlantic Treaty nations will take part.

Essay Contest

The Danes are not concerned with disputing Ellehammer's priority as a pioneer. The Wright brothers in America made their famous first flights on December 17, 1903. The French claim the honour for Clement Ader on October 14, 1897, while the Russians and Japanese make an even earlier claim.

The Royal Danish Aero Club has organised an essay contest about Ellehammer in Danish Schools.

The Club's secretary, Captain John Poltmann, said: "We only want to show our young people that there was a man, without anything but an elementary education, who was not afraid to tackle the most difficult problem and solve it."—China Mail Special.

Postman's Red Jubilee

Copenhagen, May 14. A special exhibition will be held in the Grundtvig's House, Copenhagen, between November 16-18 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the introduction of the scarlet red coat still worn by Danish postmen.

There were only eight postmen in Copenhagen when the service was first introduced in 1800.

In addition to their scarlet coat they were each equipped with a going which they beat as they walked along the streets in order to collect as well as deliver mail.

Today about 2,000 postmen distribute about 500,000 letters each day in the Denmark capital.—China Mail Special.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

NEW TECHNIQUES ADOPTED TOO LATE IN BRITAIN Lagging Behind Other Exporting Countries

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET

Chicago, May 14. Grain futures' prices were irregular on the Board of Trade today, with further bean oil advances stimulating the soybean futures market.

Although profit-taking tended to drop soybeans prices somewhat during mid-session trading, the advance continued again toward the close with most deliveries at or near the day's highs.

Wheat futures opened firm today, but soon gave way to profit-taking and were low throughout the remainder of the session.

What closed off 3¢ to 5¢ cents; soybeans up 3¢ to off 1¢ cents.

LONDON METAL PRICES

London, May 14. Prices of metal closed today in sterling per long ton as follows:

	Buyers	Sellers
Tin spot	700	700
3-month	751	752
Copper spot	351	352
3-month	341	342
Zinc 1st half	110	111
Avg.	110	110
Zinc 1st half	1041	1041
Avg.	1023	1023
United Press		

From Ronald Boxall

London, May 14.

Portents rather than events now dominate discussion of economic affairs in Britain. Last week they concerned the position of workers in the coming automation age, the future of British monetary policy and the possible demise of imperial preference.

The controversy now raging around automation is as confusing to most people as the word itself.

Time Lag

Plans for this industrial expansion were held at a most suspicious time—home sales were booming, the economic situation had never been better since the end of the war and the Government had, in effect, decided to subsidise capital investments.

The trouble has been that in the inevitable time lag between laying of these plans and their economic realisation the economic climate has taken a turn for the worse. New factories and plants that were on the drawing board when home demand was increasing steadily are arriving in fact at a time when strong measures are being taken to restrain demand and equate it with available supplies.

And therein lies the problem. For industrialists who planned to increase production with the help of new processes and new machines are finding that they cannot sell their products as easily as they could when the expansion was first envisaged. So instead of merely switching men from one job to another as they hoped they are having to declare workers redundant. And the workers' reaction to this has given birth to a new term in the English language: "The automation strike."

Must Go Ahead

There is no question of British workers embracing a new Luddite creed. Their inherent commonsense tells them that Britain must keep ahead in the technological race if it is to survive as an industrial power. But no one can blame them for feeling confused and angry if first fruits of the promised dawn of this new economic era is the sack.

Nevertheless, it is imperative that industrial expansion, including automation or "robot factories" should go ahead. And this advance will be far quicker and smoother if it can be made with the appropriate and the full co-operation of the trade unions.

The three-point policy announced by the Prime Minister shows that the Government is fully alive to this need. The policy is as follows:

Decisive Stage

The new development in this situation is that Australia has apparently grown tired of trying to win the rest of the Commonwealth over to her side and is now considering a proposal to scrap the present system of imperial preference altogether and replace it with an entirely new trade pact.

Maybe she is serious about this proposal. Maybe she wants to force the whole vexed issue out into the open at the prime ministers' conference. Either way the fact remains: discussions on imperial preference are approaching the decisive stage.—London Express Service.

House of Commons. Mr Harold Wilson, "Chancellor of the Exchequer" in the Socialist shadow cabinet, was speaking during a debate on the Finance Bill. But the significance that has been read into the incident didn't concern Mr. Wilson's words so much as Mr. Macmillan's reaction of them.

He nodded when Mr. Wilson said that the monetary weapon had never been better used to dislodge the Bank of England.

He nodded again when Mr. Wilson went on to say that a high bank rate had not succeeded in restraining consumption and establishing prices. The policy was not working, said Mr. Wilson, and many eminent authorities of all political parties were extremely worried about the situation.

Australia's Demand

And the Chancellor nodded for a third time when Mr. Wilson suggested that he would have to go through an "agonising reappraisal" of his financial policy.

Just what those nods meant is anybody's guess, but they make interesting material for speculation while the country awaits the next major event in the economic calendar.

This is all probability will be the meeting of the Commonwealth prime ministers in London next month. And the topic that is likely to steal the headlines on that occasion is Australia's reported demand for scrapping the Ottawa Agreement.

For some time now Australia has felt that the whole system of imperial preference works one-sidedly in Britain's favour. She claims advantages Britain enjoys in the Australian market by virtue of preferential tariff rates far outweigh any benefit she herself receives in access to the British market.

Other Commonwealth countries, with the possible exception of New Zealand, have little interest in the subject. Their view—and rightly or wrongly it is shared by Britain—is that adherence to GATT—which expressly forbids any strengthening of preferential trading systems—has decided advantages for their overseas trade.

If they had to choose between GATT and a stronger system of imperial preference, their vote would probably reluctantly go to the Geneva organisation.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$270,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS 00000 12 or 1600
Hongkong & Shanghai 200

INSURANCES 0 or 970
Union 000
Lombard 000

SHIPPING 21
Waterhouse 21

DOCKS ETC. 300 83 100 or 821
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Provident (O) 13.00 100 or 12.00
Wheelock 8.00 8.00

LAND, ETC. 13.70 13.00
HK Hotel 13.00 13.00
HK Land 13.00 13.00
Humphreys 17.40

RUBBER 1.2314 1.240 1.250 or 1.2514
Rubber 1.2314 1.240 1.250 or 1.2514

UTILITIES 22.00 22.70 1100 or 22.70
Star Ferry 100 100 400 or 107
C. Light (O) 22.00 22.00 10.50
Electric 30 30 30 or 30.80
Rt. 10.00 10.00 10.00 or 10.00
Marco 9.00 9.00 200 or 22.00
Telephone 22.00 22.00 500 or 11.00
Rt. 11.00 11.00 500 or 11.00
13.50 13.50 11.00 or 11.00

INDUSTRIALS 34.14 33 500 or 34.14
Cement 34.14 33 500 or 34.14
STORES, ETC. 13.40 13.40

Dairy 10.10 10.10 125 or 10.10
Watson 10.10 10.10 500 or 10.10

COTTON 2.20 2.20
Twines 2.20 2.20
Nanyang 7.70 7.70

MISCELLANEOUS 0.40 0.40

Alfred 0.40 0.40

Utilities 0.40 0.40

Others 0.40 0.40

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**JOHN CLARKE'S
CASEBOOK**

**It Was A Fine
Romance**

LOVE, that the poets call tender, is a hardy plant in reality, and most romances stand up remarkably well, alike to the scorching, scorching summer of their early days, and to the long winter of the world's indifference.

Were love less hardy, there might not be much hope for Molly and her man.

They met in London, where they both worked, and about all they had in common was the fact that they had few friends and had known loneliness were far from their homes, and poor.

LOVERS' MEETING

MOLLY came to London from Ireland, against her parents' wishes, for they did not think her strong enough to strike out on her own. Tom, her man, came from Yorkshire.

Molly, a neat, pretty, compact, neat girl, got work as a domestic servant in a public-house. There she stole some oddments of clothing from the landlord's wife, her employer, lost the job, was brought to court and put on probation. She soon found another job of much the same kind.

Her life was not exciting, but the drudgery was lightened by her meeting with Tom, by his devotion to her, and hers to him.

THE MESSAGE

THEY had very little money, and could not afford the kind of rents that dance atten-dances upon most romances. But they could talk, and they did endlessly, about the future, the marriage they planned, the home that in some distant future they would share.

Then one day Tom got a message from Yorkshire. His mother was ill, he was wanted up there, to be near her. He broke the news to Molly. They could not bear the thought of being parted.

"I'll come with you, Tom. I'll come with you anywhere," Molly said, and he greatly relieved accepted her offer eagerly.

In Yorkshire Molly found work in the city where Tom's home was. The romance flourished.

WRITE FOR ME, PLEASE

MOLLY had been in the north some weeks when she suddenly remembered something. "Oh, Tom," she cried, "that probation lady in London, I'm supposed to tell her whenever I change my address or my job, and I never... Will you write for me, Tom, write the lady? Molly could not write, or read.

Tom wrote, but by that time, the hunt was on for Molly. Within hours of her address in the north reaching London, a policeman was on his way to bring her back. Tom followed close on her heels, to stand by her, whenever trouble lay ahead.

At Clerkenwell court, Molly pleaded guilty to a breach of her probation order and her story was told to Mr Frank Powell, the magistrate, by a woman probation officer.

MY FAULT

"HER young man is here," the probation officer said. "It's my fault she went to Yorkshire," the young man said, apologetically.

"When do you hope to marry?" the magistrate asked Tom.

"In a couple of months," Tom answered.

"If I allow her to go back to Yorkshire, will you promise to encourage her to keep the terms of her probation?"

"Oh, I promise she'll not come before you again," Tom said, with a quick smile at Molly.

"I shall dismiss this charge of breach of probation," the magistrate said to Molly, "and I hope that your marriage will mean that you'll make a fresh start in life. The probation order will continue, of course."

"Oh, thank you, sir," Molly said, and she left the dock and presently left the court, hand-in-hand with Tom. They envied no one in the world, at that moment; I fancy, Molly and Tom.

Carrier In Port

The 30,000-ton American aircraft carrier *Oriskany*, wearing the flag of Rear-Admiral R.E. Hobbs, Commander of Carrier Division 3, entered port this morning on a recreational visit.

The carrier has an overall length of 888 feet, a beam of 120 feet, a maximum draught of 30% feet and a speed of 33 knots.

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OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

**More Drunkenness
Since 10 p.m.
Closing**

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, May 7.

It came as a shock to most people this week to learn that since 10 p.m. hotel closing was introduced there had been 8,600 more cases of drunkenness.

General belief has been that there has been less drunkenness since the "six o'clock swill" ended, but the annual report of the Police Commissioner, Mr Delaney, knocks this out.

He also reports that there were 242 more cases of driving under the influence.

Mr Delaney does not specifically blame later hotel closing for the increases, but points out that they have happened since the closing hours were altered in February, 1955.

And the number of drunks and driving cases must have kept the police pretty busy—81,189 cases for drunkenness and 4,977 driving under the influence charges.

While none of this is good publicity for 10 p.m. closing, it can be taken for granted that no action will follow the police report. Late closing of hotels is now generally accepted and it is here to stay—for the time, anyway.

Actually, many publicans would do a dance of joy to see it disappear. Many of them point out that, now that the novelty has worn off, they are hardly taking enough to pay the police pretty bill and while many entertainers are still crooning in beer gardens throughout the evenings they are still under contract which has little chance of being renewed.

PRIDE INDEXED

To learn this week that the P & O Company was turning on a spread for dockworkers and wives in the glamour ship Iberia in a way of saying thanks for a job well done has us reaching for a quick whisky and water.

To hear that the commander of the vessel said: "In no other part in the world could the work have been carried out so well or so quickly," made us feel that this must refer to Russia or Japan or Germany or somewhere—certainly not old Sydney with its strikes and its go-slows, and its rain and its stoppages, its Red tactics and its lights.

But no—Sydney it is. Ninety men of the Cockatoo Dock working around the clock in shifts for 17 days, repaired the badly damaged hull of Iberia—one day ahead of schedule.

44 YEARS TO GO

Sydney Harbour Bridge, besides being a mark on the landscape, is a fairly substantial figure in the Government's income column.

The Minister for Immigration, Mr Harold Holt, told Parliament last week that Cabinet had approved the visit.

He said there was no iron curtain around Australia as far as tourists were concerned, for he made the point: "The people of Britain have been able to digest without discomfort the visit of the Russian leaders on an official basis and I think Australian democracy will be able to digest half a dozen officials from Communist countries."

CENTENARY BALL

Sydney City Council has decided to put on a ball during the celebrations this month of the centenary of Responsible Government in NSW. The ball, for which the Council set aside £4,000, will be attended by Sydney's exclusive circle, plus Federal and State Government leaders.

Sildest suggestion about that came from one alderman who suggested that every guest, except the Governor-General and State Governor, should pay.

To ease its conscience slightly, Council also decided to bust up £1,000 on entertaining pensioners.

No entertainment was mentioned for the couple of hundred thousand odd characters who without complaint—foot a stiffish rate bill year after year.

On the other hand, it was rather a petty action to refuse to issue a special postage stamp to honour the centenary of the first Government in Australia. The Prime Minister, Mr Menzies, says he was not notified in time, but the Premier, Mr Cahill, was the answer to that when he states that the official request was made in July last year.

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We can get special stamps for all sorts of occasions—all very worthy, of course, but the centenary of the first government of the country seems to warrant some special consideration.

A lot of slumbers New South Welshmen have a feeling that Liberal Mr Menzies has in mind that the present responsible Government here is Labour, and even if that is wrong, it doesn't alter the feeling.

Suspect Detained

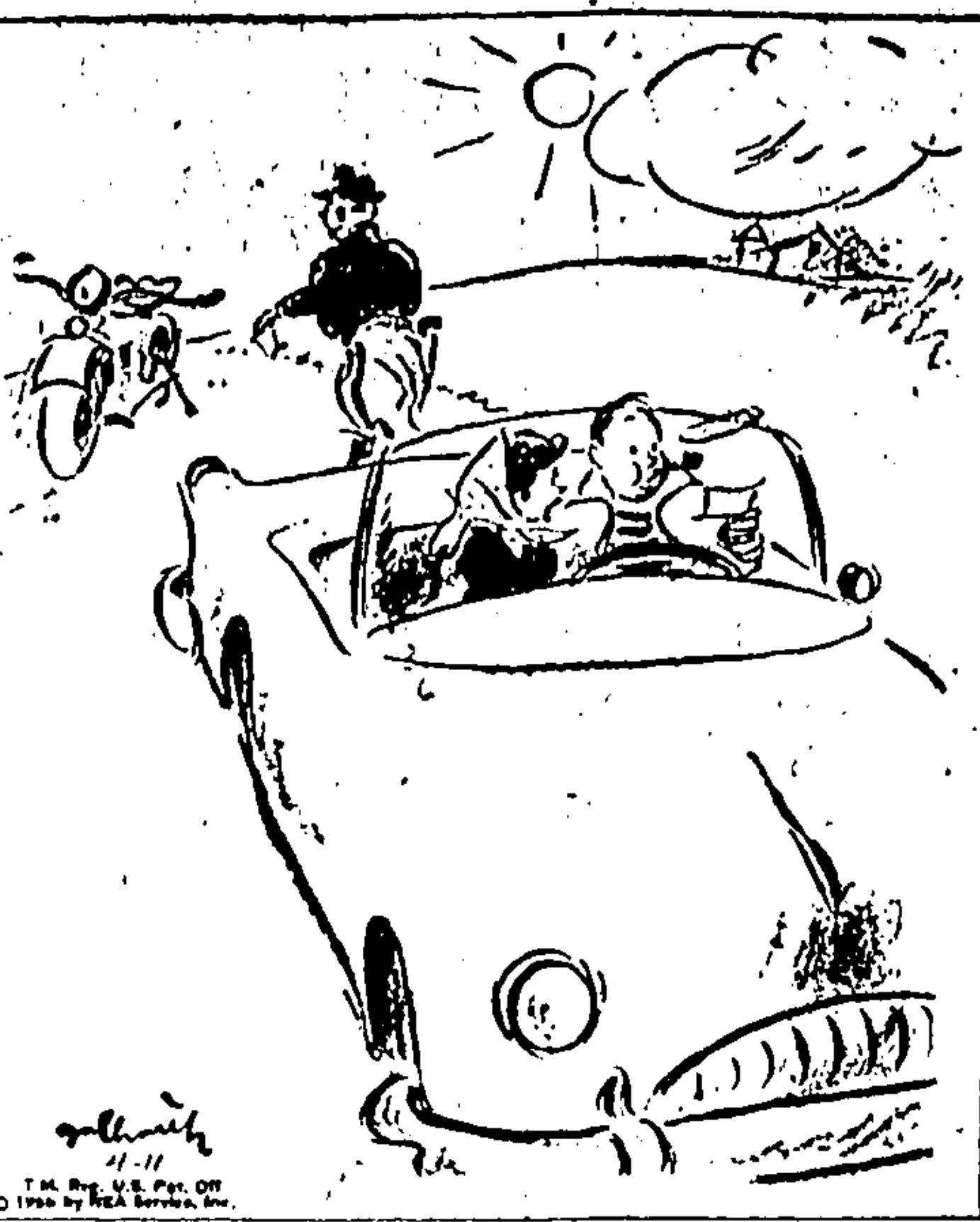
At 7 a.m. today, a pickpocket stole a fountain pen from a male Chinese in Connaught Road West. A Chinese male has been detained in connection with the case.

The strong monsoon signal which was hoisted by the Royal Observatory at 8:30 a.m. on Monday was still up at noon today.

Fong Sling, a 40-year-old wharfie, was knocked down and slightly injured by a truncheon shortly before 8 a.m. today in the Kennedy Town Plaza, not far from Hill Road.

He was taken to hospital where he was treated and discharged.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I don't see how you ever got a medal for bravery—sitting there not saying a word back to that cop!"

ACTION AGAINST FILM COMPANY

Actress Says Possible To Become Star Overnight

A Chinese movie actress in Court this morning disagreed with Counsel's suggestion that it took time before film stars became known to the public. She agreed that she did not become a star overnight, but declared there were cases where people became stars that way.

These statements were made by Chu Ying, of 1-A Kimberley New Street, in answer to questions put to her by Mr Oswald Cheung, Counsel for the defendants in an action in which she is claiming \$14,000 being balance of salary due her under a contract, before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg in the Supreme Court.

She is represented by Mr Lawrence Leong, instructed by Mr P. Wong of M. K. Lam and Company.

A counter-claim for \$30,000 damages allegedly suffered by plaintiff's failure to turn up for work in two films, "Fisherwoman's Song" and "Camelia" is made by the defendants, S. K. Cheung, proprietor, and the Sun Hua Motion Picture Company, appearing on their behalf is Mr Oswald Cheung, instructed by Mr M. E. Ives of Peter Mo and Company.

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